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Hi Everyone,

It is that time of the year when we transition from the hot summer days to the cooler days of fall. At least we have a while to go before we look out our windows and see a white landscape. Another annual occurrence each fall is the coin show circuit starts, but it is looking that due to the fourth Covid wave there will not be any shows till later in the year and even then, they might not take place. I know everyone cannot wait for our lives get back to the way we were before the pandemic hit, but like they say all things shall pass and I think they will.

We have a room booked at next year's ONA Convention being held in Mississauga next April. So, if all goes well, we can finally meet in person and enjoy some fellowship that we have all missed.

A bit of Club business that must be addressed is a popular and favourite perk that is part of a CAWMC membership is the "Wood of the Month" Ross has asked if someone would step forward and run this program, which is preparing and distributing or mailing the free woods to our members. Ross has been looking after this program for the past 28 years. I would like to thank Ross for all his time and effort in making the 'Wood of the Month' program a success. So, if you are interested in running this program, please let me know. Ross would be available to answer any questions that you might have and help with the transition.

His email is rosskingdon@sympatico.ca

Stay safe and healthy!!

James

Featured Wood of the Month



This month's featured wood is a gift from our former editor, Judy Blackman, produced by Jim Smith, of Likely BC. Thank you!

The 200th anniversary of the start of the Lachine Canal construction

In 1821, the government authorizes the construction of the Lachine Canal. A group of Montréal merchants is behind the project, anxious to expand trading networks on the St. Lawrence River by bypassing the Lachine Rapids. Built mostly by Irish labourers, the Canal facilitates shipping between Montréal and the Great Lakes, enabling Montréal to become one of the main hubs of North American trade.

The 125th anniversary of the discovery of gold in the Yukon, sparking the Klondike Gold Rush

In 1896, family members George Carmack, Shaaw Tláa (Kate) Carmack, Kèsh "Skookum" (Jim) Mason, and Káa Goox (Dawson) Charlie find a creek bed thick with gold deposits near the Klondike River in present-day Yukon. News of the gold strike spread fast across Canada and the United States, and over the next 2 years, an estimated 100,000 prospectors travel to the region with the hope of finding fortune and gold.

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#### New option for Membership Renewal

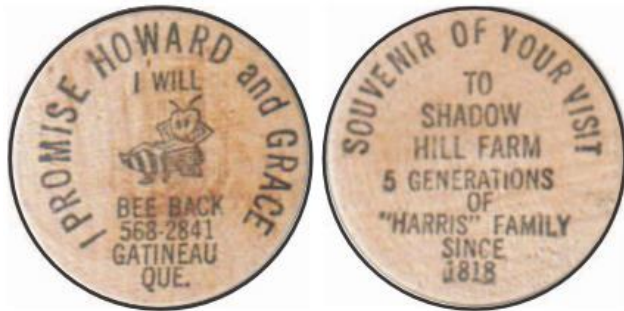
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Regular payment using the form on page 8 are also welcome. Your choice!

**France**

## *I WILL “BEE” BACK*

by Judy Blackman, CAWMC Life Member, FONA, KStE



This 38 mm round wood is 4175-001 with a rarity rating of 2 and is printed in black on both sides (but was also issued in red -002). There were 500 woods produced. The obverse reads “I PROMISE HOWARD AND GRACE I WILL BEE BACK 568-2841 GATINEAU QUE.” and the reverse reads “SOUVENIR OF YOUR VISIT TO SHADOW HILL FARM 5 GENERATIONS OF “HARRIS” FAMILIY SINCE 1818”. This wood is

packed with over two centuries of history! From 1975 to 1991 the Howard & Grace Harris family issued numerous woods. It looks like Howard F. Harris was a numismatist, as he even issued a wood for two Coin Week(s).

In the minutes from The Historical Society of Gatineau, it reads under the NEXT MEETING section:

“Howard and Grace Harris have graciously invited us to visit what remains of a prize-winning farm which began in 1820, subsequently to be operated by four generations of Harrises, in what was, for many years, West Templeton. Although the 240 acres of Shadow Hill Farm have been reduced to five and all the horses and cattle have gone as well as most of the machinery and equipment there are still a great many remnants of the Harris’s past in house and sheds to whet the interest. (...) In the afternoon we will have a tour which will reveal a surprising number of fascinating artifacts and collections.” [Editor’s Note: since this was written, there have now been five generations operating this farm.]

I absolutely love this wood. The story just got better the further I dug into the history behind the wood. The first wood Howard and Grace issued in 1975 had the bumble bee image and the words “I WILL BEE BACK” and the last wood they issued in 1991 also had the “I WILL BE BACK” theme. In Howard’s own words, he referred to the farm as a “beehive” of activity.

There was a blog string, titled “Martha West and Samuel Harris — St. Marylebone Church, England 1811” and it was started with Linda who wrote, “Samuel and Martha Harris are my 5th great grandparents. I would very much like to ask you some questions about them.” In this Classification Query, it says “The book is called *Tell me Another Story* by Joan Finnigan. It is a collection of stories by various individuals and how they came to live in the Ottawa Valley (Canada). I have a copy of the Harris book (Samuel and Martha are my great-great-great-grandparents. I was out to visit their gravestone today. The beginning of Howard’s story goes like this;”

*Howard Felton Harris is the fourth generation at Shadow Hill Farm at Gatineau Pointe, Quebec, the original crown land settled by his ancestors almost two hundred years ago. He is the author of a hardbound 680-page genealogical study of the Harris family, which sprang from the original twosome and spread across the continent. Martha West and Samuel Harris were married in St. Marylebone Church, London, England in 1811. Three daughters were born before they emigrated to Canada in a sailing vessel that took seven weeks to cross the Atlantic. In 1818 they*

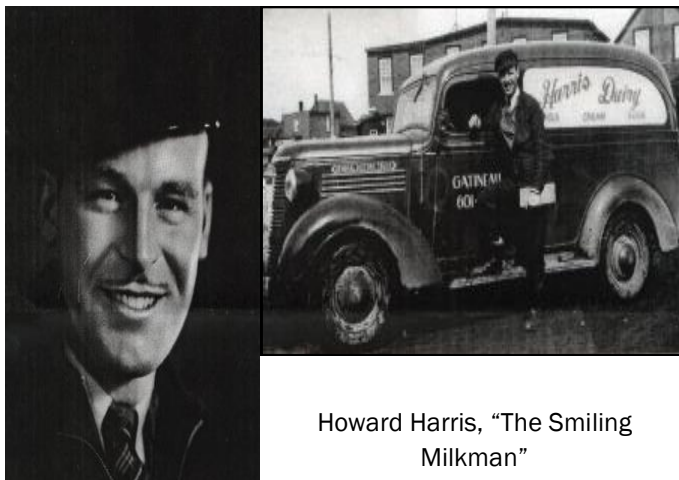
*disembarked in Nova Scotia and stayed in the New Glasgow district for a year before moving up the St. Lawrence and Ottawa River to West Templeton, Quebec. Thomas Henry, the fifth child of Samuel and Martha's union, inherited the homestead. In 1849 Thomas married Jane Potter, a remarkable woman, from the area who, besides having fourteen children, used to carry wheat to Dufresne's grinding and carding mill on the Blanche River seven miles away, and bring the flour home for baking bread. As well as farming, Thomas learned the trade of wood carving and cabinetmaking from his father. He worked as a wood carver in the first Parliament Buildings in Ottawa 1859-65. Thomas also continued the square-timber trade his father Samuel had begun on the Lievre River. Howard's father, Robert Nathan Harris, was the eleventh child born to Thomas and Jane.*

In Finnigan's book, the chapter called Sixteen Miles a Day to Lisgar Collegiate is by H. F. Harris, Gatineau Pointe. It tells the story how the Harris's came to Canada. In further research under "laiteries du Québec" (Quebec's dairies) I was able to find this information about Harris Dairy (1931-1942) Shadow Hill Farm — it is written by H. F. Harris.

*"After graduating from Lisgar in 1929, I obtained employment in the city as a salesman. Dad had retired in 1928 and all livestock and machinery had been sold. On July 21, 1931, my dad died very suddenly after a short illness. Decisions had to be made as to the farm, and Arthur, the eldest son, was not interested in operating the farm, so I took on the task. Shadow Hill Farm once again was passed on to the next generation — the 4th.*

*The depression was at its peak and times were hard but with sheer determination and a lot of hard work, plus my mother's support, the farm, once again, became a beehive of activity. With the milk from a few cows, I went from door to door in Ottawa selling milk and cream. Then I would buy a few more cows and solicit more customers until I had about 1,000 customers. This resulted in the establishing of "Harris Dairy". At first raw milk was sold but later because of Government regulations, the raw milk was taken to Ottawa Valley Creamery, on Sparks Street, to be pasteurized and bottled. Mr. Parlane Christie<sup>1</sup>, owner of Ottawa Valley Creamery was very well known in the business circles in the city.*

*I continued under the name of "Harris Dairy" until 1942, when during WWII, it became difficult to obtain help. The dairy franchise was sold to Clarks Dairy and I took a whole milk contract with Clarks of 1,280 pounds daily. I continued to ship milk to the Ontario Milk Marketing Board until 1973, when I retired".*



Howard Harris, "The Smiling Milkman"

Howard Harris and his wife moved to Greely Ontario, to live with Howard's son, in the early 1990s, and continued issuing woods from Greely until 1995.

## *Chips from the Woodpile ...By Dave Gillespie*

Darryl Atchison raised some questions about Leroux's illustrious 1880 Black Walnut woods. Based on what he read, Leroux had exclusive rights to issue numismatic souvenirs for the Dominion Exhibition held in Montreal in September 1880. Five hundred black walnut blanks were ordered but the blanks were brittle and kept cracking under the weight of the dies so only 50 were struck. We know that some of the blanks were damaged and destroyed during production but what happened to the remainder? The Charlton catalogue entitled "Canadian Exhibition, Fair and Carnival Medals" published in 2001 listed two further varieties of the token. If you have a Black Walnut then it is time to check to see if yours is an original strike or variety. Do the varieties even exist?

Poor Warren Sanders! There he was with two boxes of wooden nickels and no one to trade with. This story was first reported in the London Free Press and later in our newsletter that Warren was hoping to meet some other collectors and do a little "horse trading". He was one of about ten people who drove to the Carousel Inn Motor Hotel one Sunday in response to an advertisement for the first "Canadian Meeting and Show" of the Great Lakes chapter of the Wooden Nickels Club. When Warren arrived the manager of the London Visitor and Convention Service told him that the motel cancelled the club's meeting at the last minute because of a larger convention to be held by the International Police Association. The Wooden Nickel Club said that it had contacted everyone but apparently some didn't get the word. According to Warren Sanders that meeting wasn't worth a wooden nickel!!!

An interesting letter came to the Editor for publication, as well as the thoughts of the Board of Directors and the members. The article related to the lack of acknowledgement, recognition and appreciation given to the President after completing the duties of the office. President, Norm Belsten acted swiftly in response and as published in later newsletters past Presidents, Officers, Directors and members for their work efforts to C.A.W.M.C. have been acknowledged and recognized. BUT does this go far enough? Do you think that the active President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer who attend the annual R.C.N.A. convention be afforded "Complimentary Breakfast" at our A.G.M. meetings? Contact a director if you want to be heard.

The Halton County Radial Railway issued a wooden nickel to celebrate 50 years of operation back in 2004. The HCCR is Ontario's only full size operating electric railway, featuring classic electric railcars running on two kilometers of scenic track. The museum located just south of Rockwood, Ontario owns a variety of historic streetcars and radial cars. The oldest railcar in the collection dates back over 100 years and the museum relies on volunteer labour from members to restore and operate. A very famous and the largest car in the collection is **Number 1326** discarded by the Toronto Transit Commission back in 1953 and salvaged by several enthusiasts along with car **Number 55**. Worth the time to visit if you get a chance.

The International Plowing Match issued six differently coloured woods to promote the 2005 competition to be held in Perth County near Listowel, Ontario. This event is held annually in

Ontario to showcase the future of rural living and agriculture drawing in plowmen from all parts of Canada, the U.S. and Europe. As well as the tractor and plow classes visitors get to experience the unique horse and plow competitions as farmers show off their walking plow skills along with some fine teams of horses.

Former Bulletin Editor and Cyclist, Ross Kingdon proudly issued a wooden nickel to acknowledge his personal achievement of cycling over 100,000 kilometers between 1990 and 2004. Just to help you with the math, that mean cycling across Canada (coast to coast) more than fifteen times and I know that Ross has been adding to those numbers over the past sixteen years as he still likes to get the bike out in good weather for some exercise and fresh air.

Dave "Rusty" Phillips wanted wooden money collectors to know that the Port Alberni Council of the Knights of Columbus commemorated the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1492 voyage to discover America by issuing a wood in 1992. They also designed and issued a Christmas flat in 1994 and a 1997 Centennial flat for Canada's first council in Montreal. Three woods to look for and add to your collection. If you need help contact Port Alberni resident and member Stan Banner.

The Calgary Numismatic Society put in it's bid to host the C.N.A. for 2005 several years in advance as it was going to be 100th Anniversary of the formation of the Province of Alberta. The C.N.A. was deeply honoured and declared the theme for its 55<sup>th</sup> Convention "Alberta 100 Years Proud". The Calgary members organized daily activities including a bus trip south of Calgary to the World Heritage site, Head Smash-In Buffalo Jump for lunch and a ceremonial dance performance followed by a tour through the historic Fort McLeod and on to Waterton Lakes National Park. This was a fantastic tour, and these are destinations that should be on your bucket list.

AND now for another quiz question:

Who in 1960 owned and issued wooden nickels for the Imperial Hotel, Swift Current, Saskatchewan?

*'Til next time ..... Let the Chips lie where they fall. Dave Gillespie*

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Answer to the quiz question of September 2021

Q. In what year was C.A.W.M.C.'s first breakfast A.G.M.? AND where was it held?

A. Friday, July 25th, 1980 in Montreal, Quebec

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## ***Woods of the World***    *by Vic Agha*

**Ponderosa Pine.** Thanks in part to the economic difficulties of 2020, Calaveras County, California launched a local currency on August 13. This is one of many issued in recent times with the goal of encouraging people to keep their money in their communities. These come in denominations of \$1, \$5, and \$11. The ones with exchange values of \$11 can be bought for \$10. This is done to encourage trust in the scrip, and incidentally is the only American token I know of with a face value of \$11. The \$11 tokens are also the only ones large enough to depict the jumping frog of Calaveras County on the reverse and are made with two layers of wood whereas the smaller ones just need one. The hexagon shape was originally chosen because the president of Calaveras GROWN was originally a beekeeper; it also makes the tokens easy to recognize.



**Plywood.** Plywood is a rather unusual case in that plywood issues seem semi-random and are seen across the board. The oldest I know of are the ones from Hadersfeld, Austria. These relatively common pieces are the second-oldest ones I know of that

bear a face value. They were issued in 1920 and come in of face values of 10, 20, and 50 heller.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

**I / We wish to JOIN or RENEW my membership in the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors (CAWMC). Annual Dues are due before January 1st of 2022:**

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